

What is claimed is:

1. A multiple coin authentication system comprising:  
a core adapted for receiving a plurality of coins;  
means for authenticating said coins being attached to said core;  
5 a case having a top and a bottom, said case defining a cavity between said top and said bottom for receiving said core, said case being formed by ultrasonically welding said top and said bottom together, and  
means for positively indicating sealing of said top to said bottom,  
wherein tampering with said case forms a visible irreparable condition of said  
10 case indicative of tampering.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein said core comprises a substrate having a plurality of openings therein.
3. The system of claim 1 further comprising means for coupling each of said  
coins to a respective opening in said core.
- 15 4. The system of claim 3 wherein said means for coupling comprises a plurality of gaskets, each of said gaskets having an opening therein adapted to receive one of said coins, wherein each of said gaskets snap fits into a respective one of said openings.
5. The system of claim 4 wherein said gaskets are formed of a flexible  
20 material.
6. The system of claim 4 wherein said gaskets are formed of a material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, rubber and styrene butadiene copolymer.
7. The system of claim 3 wherein said means for coupling comprises a  
25 plurality of gaskets, each of said gaskets having a depression therein adapted to receive one of said coins, wherein each of said gaskets snap fits into a respective one of said openings.
8. The system of claim 7 wherein said gaskets are formed of a flexible material.

9. The system of claim 8 wherein said gaskets are formed of a material selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, rubber and styrene butadiene copolymer.

5 10. The system of claim 1 wherein said means for authenticating said coins comprises:  
a certificate coupled to said core.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein said certificate is affixed with a pressure sensitive adhesive on bottom surface of said certificate to said core and a top surface of said certificate includes certification indicia.

10 12. The system of claim 11 wherein said certification indicia includes a grade of each of said coins in the system.

13. The system of claim 11 wherein at least one of said grade of each of said coins in the system is different from another of said grade of each of said coins in the system.

15 14. The system of claim 11 wherein each said grade of each of said coins in the system is the same for all of said coins.

15. The system of claim 10 wherein said means for authenticating said coin further comprises a hologram coupled to said core.

20 16. The system of claim 1 wherein said top and said bottom of said case are formed of plastic.

17. The system of claim 1 wherein said top and said bottom of said case are formed of a rigid material.

25 18. The system of claim 1 wherein said means for positively indicating sealing of said top to said bottom comprises means for ultrasonically bonding said top to said bottom.

30 19. A method for authenticating multiple coins comprising:  
coupling to said multiple coins to a core;  
coupling a certificate to said core;  
placing said core between a top and a bottom of a case; and  
sealing said top and said bottom of said case by ultrasonic bonding,

wherein said case includes means for positively indicating sealing of said top to said bottom.

20. The method of claim 19 wherein said core comprises a substrate having a plurality of openings therein, said coupling step comprises using a plurality of gaskets,  
5 each of said gaskets having an opening therein adapted to receive one of said coins, wherein each of said gaskets snap fits into a respective one of said openings.

21. The method of claim 20 wherein said gaskets are formed of a flexible material.

22. The method of claim 20 wherein said gaskets are formed of a material  
10 selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate, rubber and styrene butadiene copolymer.

23. The method of claim 19 wherein said certificate includes certification indicia of a grade of each of said coins in the system.

24. The method of claim 19 wherein at least one of said grade of each of said  
15 coins in the system is different from another of said grade of each of said coins in the system.

25. The method of claim 19 wherein each said grade of each of said coins in the system is the same for all of said coins.